



SHERI GOLDNER
Dies while playing

Girl Strangles As Cape Snags On Home Slide

Four-Year-Old Coloma Child Victim Of Freak Accident

COLOMA — A four-year-old Coloma girl accidentally strangled yesterday afternoon when a cape she was wearing around her neck caught on a children's slide while she was playing. Coloma police identified the victim as Sheri Goldner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Goldner, 182

Harriet street. She was pronounced dead by Dr. Rolando Fajardo of Coloma in his office, where she was rushed by her mother and babysitter after they found her hanging from the slide. Police Chief Kenneth Unruh said the accident happened in the backyard of the girl's

babysitter, Mrs. Wayne Persicke, 183 Strand avenue, shortly after 3 p.m.

According to police, Mrs. Goldner arrived at the Persicke residence about 3 p.m. and her daughter and Mrs. Persicke's son, Dale, 2, went into the back yard to play.

About five minutes later, police said, Mrs. Goldner and Mrs. Persicke went to the back door of the home and saw Sheri hanging by the knit cape from the top of the slide. Police said the cape was around the girl's neck.

Mrs. Goldner freed her daughter from the cape and rushed her to Dr. Fajardo's office, Red Arrow highway, where she was pronounced dead.

Sheri was born on July 4, 1968, in St. Joseph. Surviving in addition to her parents are a sister, Deborah, at home; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Caswell Crowder of Eau Claire, and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles E. Goldner of Benton Harbor; and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Cytha Walker of Coloma.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Kerley and Starks funeral home, with the Rev. Lloyd Zoschke officiating. Burial will be in Coloma cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today.



CAPE CAUSES DEATH: Knit cape worn by Sheri Goldner, 4, is shown where it caught on slide in backyard of babysitter yesterday afternoon. Youngster was strangled to death before discovered by her mother and babysitter. She had just gone into backyard and was playing with younger child when accident occurred. (Cliff Stevens photo)

'Lucky' Ticket Starts Odyssey

By HARRY ATKINS
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Cristeen Ferzis found the touch of Midas and an odyssey to her native Greece this June will be as a millionaire after winning the top prize Thursday night in the Michigan Lottery's second million-dollar drawing.

"This money will help a lot of people," Mrs. Ferzis, who speaks no English, said through an interpreter.

She said she would use some of the money to help relatives whom she left behind when she and her husband, Louis, emigrated from Sparta eight years ago.

"Tonight I'm just going home to my kids, that's all," the new millionaire said. "I can't even laugh now, I'm so nervous."

The couple, who live in Detroit, have two sons.

"The 19-year-old works and the 15-year-old goes to school," Ferzis said with a thick, but easily understood accent.

Mrs. Ferzis is a 46-year-old housewife. Her husband, who said he was a shoemaker in Greece, is employed as a tool and die maker for the Quality Control Co. in suburban Melvindale. He said he earned \$5.95 per hour.

"I buy four lottery tickets at the same little drug store every week," Ferzis said. "But one week as we were leaving, my wife found 50 cents in the bottom of her purse and bought one more. It was the first ticket she



IMMIGRANT WINS MILLION: Christine Ferzis of Detroit, an immigrant from Greece who speaks no English, holds first check of \$50,000 after winning Michigan's \$1 million lottery drawing Thursday night. She and her husband Louis (left) came to the United States from Sparta eight years ago. The winning ticket was first and only ticket that Mrs. Ferzis ever purchased. (AP Wirephoto)

ever bought." "I told him when I bought it that it was the lucky one," his wife said. "And look, I was right. Thank God."

Mrs. Ferzis is about 5-foot-4 and has a round, smiling face. She wore a heavy tweed winter coat over a bright yellow sweater and black skirt. Her husband, who has a pencil-thin steel gray mustache, wore a corduroy car coat and an open-neck knit sport shirt.

"We both love America,"

Ferzis said. "The people here can do anything. Now it makes me a rich man."

But despite their new wealth, Ferzis said he intended to report for work today as usual.

"I was going to work until June, anyway," he said. "Why change?"

Ferzis said they would probably return from Greece in September.

"I have started my papers. I want to become an American citizen," he said. "My wife does

too, but she hasn't started papers yet."

Ferzis said he and his wife didn't know how their wealth would change their lives. Sam Emos, their friend and interpreter, joked that they were "now in a class with Aristotle and Jackie."

Claude Buckingham, 66, a metalurgist who lives in the western Michigan community of Rockford, won \$100,000 at the (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Consumers Power Rate Hike Rejected

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Terming them inflationary, the Michigan Public Service Commission today rejected applications by Consumers Power Co. for a \$142-million rate increase for natural gas and electric service.

"We have taken this step because we are convinced that the applications filed by Consumers are inflationary and in violation of our own rules and the Phase III regulations of the President's economic stabilization program," said William G. Rosenberg, commission chairman.

The order dismissing the applications was signed by Rosenberg and the two other commissioners, Lenton G. Sculthorp and William R. Ralls.

There was no immediate comment from Consumers Power.

Consumers had requested an \$83-million annual rate increase for gas service and a \$59-million hike for electricity.

The commission said the rate increases would have resulted in a 23.8 per cent over-all gas revenue increase and a 13.5 per cent over-all electric revenue

increase for the Jackson-based utility which serves most of Lower Michigan.

"We wish to emphasize that our action should not be interpreted as being a decision to unfairly penalize utility companies in Michigan," Sculthorp

said.

"We intend to provide a responsible forum for the resolution of critical rate relief issues facing all Michigan utilities in the 1970s so that the companies (See back page, sec. 1, col. 3)

Manslaughter Plea Accepted In Gun Death

Larry Douglas Harth, 21, pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge Thursday in Berrien circuit court in connection with the Dec. 24 shooting of an Indiana man outside Lake Way tavern in New Buffalo.

Harth's plea to a lesser offense came during the third day of a scheduled four-day trial. He had been accused of second degree murder.

Harth, of Lansing, Ill., had his \$50,000 bond continued by Judge Julian Hughes. He faces a maximum 15-year prison term.

Harth surrendered to authorities in the Berrien prosecutor's office Jan. 5 after being sought for the fatal Christmas Eve shooting of Michael A. Wolford, 18, of Westville, Ind.

About 10 witnesses testified during the first two days of the trial, including eyewitnesses, police officers and the medical examiner.

The fight between Harth and Wolford developed over who should have the nickname "Wolf." Harth claimed he fired a bullet into the ground after the victim drew a knife, but that Wolford came at him again and that he then fired the fatal bullet.

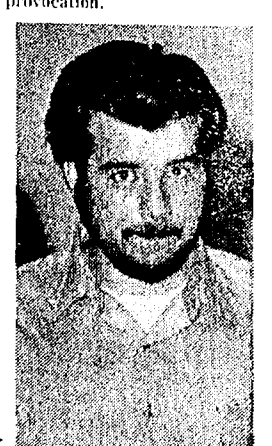
Neither the knife nor the gun were ever found by authorities. Harth claimed he had been using the gun earlier in target practice. Witnesses differed in

their testimony as to whether Wolford had the knife.

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor offered no objections to the manslaughter plea because "proofs developed in our opening testimony showed the case did not warrant a second degree murder charge." There was a clear showing that the two entered into the fracas voluntarily together with the practical element of self-defense, he said.

Atty. Matthew Walsh of Chicago and Atty. Jack Keller of St. Joseph represented Harth.

Voluntary manslaughter is defined as killing in the heat of passion with reasonable provocation.



LARRY D. HARTH

Berrien Dads Pay \$697,173 In 1972

Child Support Program Paying Off Big

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Social Services' child support program, which got its first testing in Berrien county, has topped its goal for the second straight year.

John Gambotto, DSS inspector general, reported his agency collected \$28.1 million statewide from fathers on behalf of children on ADC in 1972, an increase of \$11.2 million over 1971.

These sums, child support payments collected by county friends of the court, are sent to the state and reduce dollar-for-dollar the amount of tax funds that otherwise would be spent for ADC.

"The program directly benefits taxpayers because for every dollar collected, the taxpayer is saved a like amount," Gambotto said.

The collection program has shown spectacular results in

Berrien county, according to Jerry Frank, head of the Berrien DSS special fraud and support unit.

Collections from dads with kids on ADC in Berrien totaled \$185,556 in 1970; \$369,744 in 1971; and \$697,173 in 1972, he reported.

Frank's unit, and a companion unit from the Berrien county prosecutor's office, were formed Nov. 1, 1970, and began working in earnest in March 1971, with cooperation of the Berrien friend of the court.

In January, 1971, some 635 dads were under Berrien circuit court order to make regular payments for ADC kids, Frank said. In February, 1973, the total was 1,396, and he estimated it at about 1,450 now.

"One of the interesting side effects of the program," Gambotto said, "is the large number of family reunifications."

"One county reported that one out of every four referrals for child support action resulted in family reunifications or recon-

ciliations.

"Other counties also report a high number of family reconciliations."

Frank said although no statistics are ready, Gambotto's observation appears true in Berrien, too.

"From personal experience, I know that in a large number of cases, after contact by our staff, families are put back together," Frank said.

"In fact, we attempt to encourage this..." Gambotto said there were predictions when the stepped-up collection program began that errant dads would make a "mass exodus" out-of-state.

"I haven't seen this happening," he said. "Instead, once a father's financial obligations are clearly defined for him, the

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Editorial Page

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Seeking An 'Equalizer' For State School Aid

The Michigan Legislature is keeping in mind both a U.S. Supreme Court and a Michigan Supreme Court ruling as it seeks a new formula for financing K-12 schools. Outcome of the lawmakers' deliberations will be important not only to youngsters of the state, but to property taxpayers, as well.

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling upholding the use of local property taxes to finance public schools has, perhaps predictably, been decried by a number of educators.

"The yield of crops and the concentration of wealth in individual communities will continue to determine the kind of education each child receives," says Allan M. West, acting executive secretary of the National Education Association.

"Thus the quality of education a child receives depends in no small part upon the accident of birth or residence—the place a child's parents happen to live."

This is essentially true, but it is also true that a great many other things in life also depend upon the accident of birth, beginning with looks and basic physical stamina—the kind of parents one happens to "choose."

The question is how far government should attempt to level out the inequalities of life, and this seems to be one thicket which the Supreme Court wisely refrained from leaping into.

If it is properly within the domain of the courts to equalize the financial disparities between a state's school districts, what about the disparities between the quality of police and fire protection and other government services in each community? Then there is the larger question of educational inequalities between the states themselves.

As West points out, there is nothing in the decision to prevent the states from reforming their own school finance systems. Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., writing for the majority, made clear that the court was not endorsing the status quo.

This leaves the Michigan Legislature free to combine property taxes with other taxes in providing a school aid formula acceptable to this state's own Supreme Court. The latter body has ruled Michigan's current arrangement for financing K-12 schools is in violation of the state Constitution because it causes serious inequalities in the amount of money available per student in rich versus poor districts.

This week, the Michigan Senate waded through what the Associated Press described as a "financial briar patch of state school aid formulas" as it sought to provide a law that will provide nearly equal amounts of money per student.

Gov. William Milliken caused to be introduced in the Senate a new so-called "yield equalizer" formula which particularly would benefit districts in the 20-25 mill property tax range and encourage other districts to boost their low millage. But there was opposition from senators representing districts levying less than 20 mills. Most of these are small population centers, except for Detroit, which levies only 17.76 mills.

The Senate beat down some 40 amendments and yesterday passed the governor's measure virtually intact. The bill now goes to the House.

Hopefully, the lower chamber will sustain the governor's philosophy. Otherwise, districts like Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and practically all others in Southwestern Michigan would get less than a fair deal. They are all already levying more than 20 mills.

To be fair, the property tax rate among all districts should be uniform, or very nearly so, before any district starts receiving "equalization" money from other sources.

It's fair to take into account that a mill raises more money in a rich district than in a poor one. But it isn't equitable to require a tax-paying homeowner in Benton Harbor or St. Joseph to pay at a higher rate than one in Detroit or Bad Axe.

It's Loaded With Protein,
And Think Of The Money We Save!



Bruce Blossat

Wallace Faces 'Test Of Fire'



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Gov. George Wallace gets his first real "test of fire" as an effective commander when the Alabama legislature convenes in early May.

Key Alabama observers believe the full dimensions of his political future, always under question since the would-be assassin gunned him down last May, will begin to take shape in this session.

As they see it, his indifference to the legislature in 1971, when he was focusing on the presidency, will not be accepted as a fair parallel.

Up to now, paralyzed from the waist down and in constant pain, he has had the benefit of all doubt. A Montgomery newspaper soon will publish a poll indicating an enormous reservoir of sympathy for him at home.

Moreover, Wallace has been adept at conveying a semblance of normal activity despite his handicap — and at seeming to be in command.

His March 25 fund-raising appearance in Texas was one sample. Far more impressive, in the view even of some of his Alabama enemies, was his recent hour and a half performance on the Dick Cavett show.

Despite reports it was filmed in "bits and pieces" over a span of a day and a half, it was in truth filmed straight through. The governor looked thin and tired, but an experienced Wallace-watcher calls the showing "amazingly good," peppered with wit, spunky, tough.

Yet this man says the era of "seeming to" is ending. He adds:

"When the lawmakers come in, the governor either will command them or he won't. Somebody has to coordinate that mess. . . . Indeed, the legislature is filled with anti-Wallace types eager to get at him. Some of them won't give a tinker's dam about his condition."

Wallace's habit these days is to visit his office only for ceremonial occasions. The rest of the time he stays in the mansion. One newsman who has checked carefully says he exerts "command" by dictating memos which are transmitted to his staff and others at the capitol. The reporter says there usually are not more than two or three of these a day.

Most prominent on his staff is his longtime friend, State Finance Director Taylor Hardin. But no one looks upon Hardin as Wallace's genuine surrogate. The view is the staff could not in any way exert the kind of command needed when the lawmakers descend upon Montgomery. Many of them detest the Wallace staff people.

Not the least of Wallace's problems when the confrontations begin in May is his evident lack of a formulated program. A recent study by the Southern Regional Council reviewing legislative prospects in the southern tier, left Alabama a big blank. State observers say there should be drawing-board plans for better health care and a lot of other social and economic needs.

GLANCING BACKWARDS

NEW CENTER
OPEN ON I-94
— 1 Year Ago —

A new travel information center on I-94 freeway near New Buffalo was opened today by the Michigan state highway commission.

The brick and glass octagonal structure serving Michigan-bound motorists will be named in honor of Ardale W. Ferguson of Benton Harbor, first chairman of the highway commission. The \$146,000 facility replaces the travel lodge on old US-12 west of New Buffalo, in service since 1935 and believed to be the oldest in the nation.

KAY ELLSWORTH
IS MISS ST. JOE
— 10 Years Ago —

Miss Kathleen (Kay) Ellsworth smiled her way through four eliminations to become Miss St. Joseph of 1963 in the Senior high school auditorium before 800.

Queen Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ellsworth, 3510 Lincoln avenue, wore a mint green satin gown which she designed and her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher of Benton Harbor, made.

KUBATH CANDIDATE
FOR SHERIFF
— 29 Years Ago —
Erwin H. Kubath, FBI-trained

chief deputy sheriff, today announced his candidacy for sheriff of Berrien county on the Republican ticket.

Rising from the ranks of motorcycle police, Kubath has had 22 years in the sheriff's office under both Democratic and Republican regimes — 12 of these 22 years as chief deputy. Kubath's service has been continuous with the exception of Fred Cutler's two-year term in office, at which time he engaged in private business. He has served under the following sheriffs: Bridgman, Franz, Bryant, Miller and Hastings.

LOCAL MOVIES
— 39 Years Ago —

Moving pictures are being taken in the public schools, entitled "Our Local Schools in Action."

NEW EQUIPMENT
— 49 Years Ago —

New equipment and other improvements are being installed by the Sanitary Dry Cleaners.

NEW OFFICIALS
— 59 Years Ago —

Alex J. Wallace was reelected mayor of the city of St. Joseph and this time for two years under an amendment to the city charter. Louis Fillehr was elected clerk and Albert Tilly, treasurer, for two years. J. R. Collier Jr., was elected justice of peace for four years.

SOLID COMFORT
— 83 Years Ago —

Jenning's advertisement today is a picture of solid comfort. He will be glad to show customers and others the finest reclining chairs ever offered in this vicinity as well as several other things in every day furniture.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

MINISTER BIDS
FAREWELL TO AREA

Editor,
I want to take this opportunity of thanking this newspaper and the many fine people of this community and particularly the Union Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church for the helpful experience I have had as a member of this Twin Cities area.

I feel that I have benefited, grown, and made some very worthwhile friendships which will not soon be forgotten.

I go because I was offered a very definite promotion. I can't help but find it difficult to break ties of almost eleven years but I am going with a great deal of love and concern for the people of this community.

Many thanks to everyone for all that has happened to me and the good that I have received. May God richly bless you.

C. Wesley Gordon, Pastor
Allen Temple A.M.E. Church
4119 Helen Street
Detroit, Michigan

DISARMING OF
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Editor,

Without exaggeration it would be safe to say that the armed American citizenry could do more to hold off a foreign aggressor than could our multi-million dollar defense budget that we are now spending. But you know, there seems to be people who feel that it would be better that the American citizenry be disarmed and leave the people helpless to aggression from within or without. There are far too many people in this country who are totally apathetic and unconcerned about anti-gun legislation, they seem to think that this only lies in the interests of the gun enthusiasts and sportsman. Every man and woman who are aware and value their freedom should be aware of the conspiratorial forces who are bent on disarming the American people.

July of 1972 an order had been issued to the Marines to conduct

special training in disarming the American people. This training started taking place at Camp Pendleton, in Orange county in California according to the Washington Observer. It is my hope that people will not sit by and let confiscatory legislation be passed and feel that it doesn't concern them.

So let's fight to save our guns! "Resistance to tyranny is a service to God." — Thomas Jefferson, 1776.

Charles P. Lull
Grand Junction

PROTEST CLOSING
OF OB WARD

Editor,
We, the undersigned, as a mothers club and concerned individuals, feel that it is unfair to our community and doctors to close the OB ward of the Watervliet Community Hospital.

These services should always be readily available to a community which supports its hospital. We have had fund drives to raise money for an isolette, maternity cart, and hair dryer and we feel the support we got from others during the drives shows the general feeling of our community.

The Mother Mothers Club
Hartford

Dem's Speech Saves Nixon Veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — A speech on frugality by a powerful Democrat was a key weapon in President Nixon's unexpected Senate victory in the first major test of the year on federal spending.

Apparently without Sen. John L. McClellan's knowledge, the GOP used his March 22 warning against the long-range budgetary impact of costly authorization bills to line up a 31-10 Republican majority to uphold Nixon's veto of the vocational-rehabilitation bill. The vote was 60 to 36.

Photography As Art

The golden age of magazine photography has come to an end. But the golden age of photography as a universally recognized art form has barely begun. In London an exhibit of photographs taken by two Scotsmen in the 1840s is attracting thousands of enthusiasts to the National Gallery. An equally important show from the United States, titled "The Compassionate Camera," is packing them in at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Auctions of vintage photographs at Sotheby's and Christie's also reflect the mounting interest in historic pictures. Daguerrotypes now fetch as much as \$1,000 apiece. Twenty years ago, it was possible to purchase a copy of the first photographically illustrated book, The Pencil of Nature (1844), for \$100. Today, the going price is \$16,000.

Economic as well as esthetic considerations lie behind the photography boom. As Business Week magazine notes, "Original paintings are now priced beyond the reach of most individuals, and so are most good prints. Yet dealers desperately need merchandise that can be retailed in the \$100 range. Photography is pouring

out a mass of material, some of it good enough to attract collectors."

Photography was without doubt the most important medium of communication to emerge after the invention of movable type. J. Nicéphore Niepce, a French physicist, produced what is believed to be the first permanent photograph in 1822. Later, Niepce formed a partnership with Louis J. M. Daguerre. Together, they perfected the daguerreotype process, by which a photographic image is recorded on a silvered copper plate.

The invention of photography startled the 19th century to a degree difficult to comprehend today. There was rampant speculation that a Titian or Raphael of the new medium would soon come to the fore. Accordingly, early photographers swathed their models in flowing robes and draperies. While some writers of the period modestly declared photography to be "art's youngest and fairest child," others went so far as to assert that "painting is dead."

Initially, photography's greatest impact was in the field of social documentation. The American Civil War, for example, would seem much less vivid without the thousands of photographs taken by Mathew Brady and his assistants. Similarly, the late Edward Steichen's photographs of the Dust Bowl do more to capture the spirit of the Great Depression than can any historian of the 1930s.

In England it is now recognized that 19th century photographs constitute an invaluable historic archive. The Sunday Times of London launched a campaign on March 4 to establish a National Photographic Record. The newspaper's appeal already has led to the discovery of a portrait of Charles Darwin that seems distinctly Impressionist in style.

Meanwhile, photography has inspired a new school of painting called photorealism. Using snapshots, slides or magazine illustrations as subject matter, photo-realist painters turn out canvasses painstakingly faithful to the original.

Marianne Means

Watergate Now Hurting Nixon



WASHINGTON — President Nixon gave the first public sign last week that he may be losing confidence he can ride out the Watergate scandal unscathed.

The White House blinked in its confrontation with a Senate investigating committee over Executive privilege.

It was the President's first significant political retreat since his election landslide.

The President tried to salvage his prestige and his position above the battle by pretending he had not really changed his attitude at all. Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler indicated the President was merely clarifying his stance on the issue.

And so that the public would not get the impression he was bowing to Congress, the President almost simultaneously issued a fresh salvo at Capitol Hill over domestic spending.

But in truth the White House was tacitly acknowledging that charges from Republicans as well as Democrats — that the President was trying to cover up a smelly mess — had begun to hurt.

President Nixon had adopted only a few weeks ago the imperious position that he and his staff were inseparable and therefore in order to protect his Presidential prerogatives none of his advisers could testify about anything. The statement made no exception for the courts, and the White House did not correct a subsequent impression that the blanket Executive privilege included grand juries.

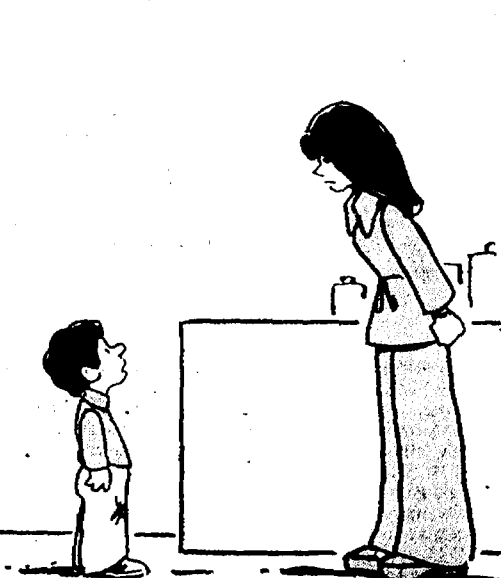
The President stuck to his position even though his failure to permit White House Counsel John Dean to testify before Congress contributed to the likely defeat of his nominee for FBI Director, L. Patrick Gray III. And last week, former aide Charles Colson made no exceptions for blanket privilege when he defended the concept before the National Press Club on ground "we are talking about separation of powers."

One day later, the White House began edging away. It was announced that staff members could testify under oath before a grand jury investigating the Watergate crime and allegations of an incredible range of other political espionage activities. In addition, aides could confer informally in private with Senate investigators, but not talk under oath in public.

The President seemed to be trying to create a new atmosphere of cooperation with outside Watergate probers. It didn't work. Senate Investigating Chairman Sam Ervin declared he would insist on testimony under oath, and subpoena aides if necessary; Ziegler responded that the White House would compromise but not capitulate.

But the pressure will clearly mount on the White House to do more than it is now prepared to do to help get at the root of the Watergate scandal.

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"Gee, Mom, when the lady on TV gets irritable, SHE takes a pill. Then she gets real kind again."

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SJ Shore Hard Hit

South Pier Sand Dump Can Resume

Quick action by Rep. Harry Gast, Jr., (R-St. Joseph) reversed an order by the Michigan Department of Na-

tural Resources prohibiting the dredge Haines from dumping sand over the south pier of the St. Joseph harbor.

Gast went directly to Gov. William Milliken when he was advised the DNR had stepped in and ordered the Corps of Engineers not to dump the sand for fear it would bury fish eggs.

The governor's reply, Gast said, when advised of the situation, was: "this is asinine."

Gast explained the Corps of Engineers takes tests of the bottom of the river and by law can only dump clean dredgings either out in the lake or over the pier. The dredge started dumping over the side of the breakwater last year to add sand to the littoral drift, hoping to build up beaches south of the piers.

Wednesday residents of St. Joseph discovered the Haines taking the sand out into the lake and inquiries developed that the DNR had halted dumping near the beach.

According to Gast a DNR spokesman whom he did not identify, said: "there may be fish eggs down there."

The dredge was to be operating in the St. Joseph harbor only until April 10. If a reversal order was sought in normal government channels the dredge would be gone before the order could be reviewed. Gast said Milliken talked directly to top DNR chiefs to get the order reversed.

The Haines command has been advised this morning it is now possible to dump the sand over the piers but high winds prohibited working close to the breakwater.

Russ Kittleman of the Grand Haven office of the Corps of Engineers said the dredge will dump the sand over the pier whenever weather permits.

The city of St. Joseph has agreed to assist in pulling the sand back so the Haines can dump close to shore. Assistant City Manager Gerald Heppler said he didn't know how it could be done but the city would help to the extent of its equipment and manpower.

Geologists say one of the reasons for the erosion suffered by bluffs south of St. Joseph is the loss of sand on the beaches. They say the piers interrupt the littoral drift of sand. The Haines in dumping the sand to the south of the piers was attempting to put sand back into the drift stream.

Hatcher To Join Gregory



RICHARD G. HATCHER
Gary Mayor

Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary will also appear at a benefit starring comedian Dick Gregory this Sunday at the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium.

Hatcher and Gregory will appear in the benefit, sponsored by a new community research organization, the CharFreJo's (Charles Freeman Joseph, Benton Harbor mayor) to raise money for the rebuilding of the Benton Harbor area, according to the benefit's sponsors.

Mrs. Christine Farmer, publicity chairman for CharFreJo's, said the site of the benefit has been changed from the Lake Michigan college gym to the Benton Harbor high gym. She also noted the time has been changed from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Farmer said the prime goals of CharFreJo's are rebuilding downtown Benton Harbor, seeking solutions to the youth problem, and helping establish a community center.

Tickets will be available at the door for the benefit, or may be ordered in advance by contacting Mrs. Farmer or Mrs. Virginia Fuller.

Tickets are \$3 advance and \$3.50 at the door.

Guilty Verdict Is Returned In Heroin Trial

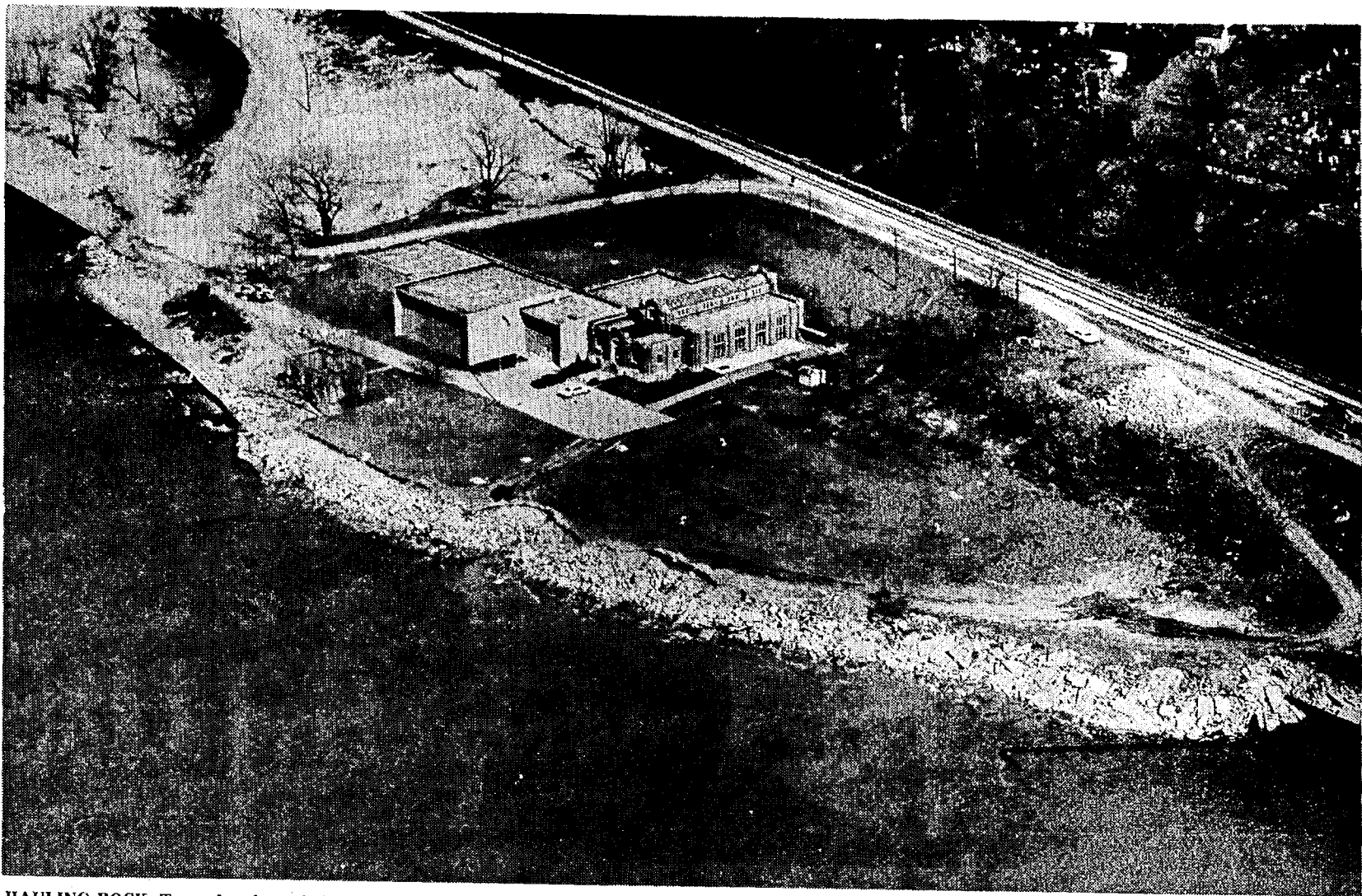
Alvin Dyson, 26, arrested during area drug raids in January by the Berrien Metro Narcotics squad, was convicted Thursday by a circuit court jury of delivery of heroin.

Jurors in Judge Chester J. Byrns court deliberated slightly more than an hour before returning the guilty verdict against Dyson, of 560 Edwards street, Benton Harbor.

Dyson is the second defendant convicted by jurors on heroin charges in two days. He and David Childs, 24, of Detroit, were among more than 30 persons arrested in Metro squad raids.

Dyson was remanded to the custody of the Berrien county jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond to await sentencing. He faces a maximum 20-year prison sentence.

During the trial that opened Wednesday, Asst. Prosecutor Robert McDowell attempted to show that Dyson delivered heroin to an undercover police agent Dec. 12 in a parked car in front of 153 North Fair avenue, Benton township. Dyson, represented by Atty. David Peterson of St. Joseph, denied selling the heroin.



HAULING ROCK: Tons of rock are being hauled to edge of Lake Michigan in effort to help protect St. Joseph Public Works pumping station, just south of Lions Park beach. Storm of March 17 caused two washouts directly in front of underground water

storage tanks to right of pumping station. Gerald Heppler, public works supervisor, said water's edge is now within 50 feet of underground tanks. He said plans to double the plant's daily output to 16 million gallons per day are going ahead as

scheduled and it is hoped that contracts to double the treatment plant's facilities will be awarded this summer. The addition will be constructed northeast (above) the present facility. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)



LAKE DRAWS CLOSER: Lake Michigan continues to advance nearer homes along Lions Park drive in St. Joseph, just north of Lions Park beach. Wave

action has already destroyed one garage during storm of March 17. The scene is a far cry from what

used to be several hundred feet of beautiful beach. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)



AND THEN CAME LAKE EROSION: In photo at left, taken in July, 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Huelsberg stand behind their home at 1010 Lions Park drive, St. Joseph, and survey newly erected

seawall they built themselves to combat lake erosion. In April, 1973, photo at right, Rodger Huelsberg observes after-effects of March storm

that battered seawall, scattering heavy concrete blocks and twisting railroad tie pilings out of shape. (Staff photos)

Served South Haven 86 Years Coast Guard Station Now Just A Memory

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SOUTH HAVEN — More than 86 years of service to the South Haven area by the U.S. Coast Guard today is no more than a memory.

Established in 1887 as a life saving station, the unit was ordered closed in a federal

economy move.

Gone to boaters is weather information.

Gone to the station is its radio equipment.

And the patrol boat, a 40-footer used in search and rescue operations, never returned from drydock over the winter at Sault Ste. Marie.

Men who already have not received assignments will be reassigned by May 15. The of-

ficial closing date is June 1.

But among the memories remaining will be those of persons who owe their lives to Coast Guardsmen who were stationed in South Haven.

No records on total number of persons whose lives were saved on Lake Michigan by Coast Guardsmen out of South Haven are available today.

But one newspaper report in 1938 credited the unit with sav-

ing 12 lives that year and another report from 1939 said three other persons were saved from drowning.

There also were unsuccessful attempts, but every bit as heroic.

On Armistice Day in November, 1940, four Coast Guardsmen — Elmer Dudley, Alvin James, Jesse Meeker and Kenneth Cortwright — battled 60 mile winds on the lake in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue eight fishermen who were lost when the fish tugs Indian and Richard H. broke up and sank.

All four men received citations for "heroic action" under extremely hazardous conditions from Rear Admiral R.R. Waesche, chief of staff of the Coast Guard at the time.

Recent commanders of the South Haven station have included Capt. William Fisher, Robert Rutherford, Roderick G. Bassett, Milo Collins, Raymond G. Chapman, Francis W. Kelly, Walter Sears, and, most recently, Chief Petty Officer Joseph Zwawa, who will become the new officer in charge of the St. Joseph Coast Guard station. St. Joseph, along with Holland, will have responsibility for the South Haven area.

"We don't intend to forget South Haven and its boaters,"



SIGN COMES DOWN: Familiar sign of Coast Guard at South Haven station is removed under direction of Chief Petty Officer Joseph Zwawa. Removal is symbolic of status of station which has

been closed by Coast Guard under federal spending cutback. Local protests have as yet brought no change in station's status. (Tom Renner photos)



TELEPHONE NOW SILENT: BM3 Mike Helbig handles one of final calls to South Haven station, now closed under federal spending cutback. Station had been operated continuously since 1887.

CGSTA SOUTH HAVEN			
DUTY OOD	101	ZWAWA J J 316-259	BOAT STATUS
	102	BRINK G L 364-111	
DUTY BOAT	103	STRIMPELE H 394-008	
CREW	104		
COX-S	105	HELBIG M F 394-226	
ENG-S	106	MEER J L 401-295	
SN-	107	Houshaker R J 384-171	
SN-	108	Mosner M J 406-448	
Pollution	201	N/A	
Patrol	202	GODDARD OR 345-461	
Friday	203	SMITH DE 385-575	
ON LEAVE	301	SOROM J A 343-550	

STATION SECURED: Word "secured" on bulletin board at South Haven Coast Guard station describes in Navy terms status of station. Station has been closed as federal economy move. It is one of 11 being closed.



SOUTH HAVEN STATION: This view of South Haven Coast Guard station by aerial photographer Adolph Hann. Station is located on southside of Black river close to Lake Michigan. It has been in

continuous operation since 1887 when opened as a life saving station. Cutback in federal spending, however, has marked end of its use now. Personnel are to be reassigned by May 15.



LIFESAVERS OF THE 1890s: Oars poised, South Haven Coast-guardsmen displayed their lifeboat sometime in the 1890s.

(Appleyard Studio collection)

Ag Banquet Is Sold Out

The annual Southwestern Michigan Agricultural banquet to be staged Monday night by the Michigan Frozen Food Packers association is a total sellout, according to Earl Steimle, president.

The event will start at 6:15 p.m. at Berrien Hills country club with a social hour, followed by the dinner at 7 o'clock.

Robert A. Payne, president of Eau Claire Packing Co., will be awarded the associa-

tion's Distinguished Service to Agriculture award during the post-dinner program.

Members of the banquet committee are: Hugh Bengtsson of Silver Mill Frozen Foods, Eau Claire, chairman; Robert Carpp of Michigan Quality Foods, Lawrence; Harold Jackson of Duffy-Mott, Hartford; Richard Norris of Eau Claire Packing Co., and Steimle.